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SUBJ: AZOREAN DEVELOPMENTS

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1. GENERAL MAGALHAES, PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL JUNTA, ON FEBRUARY 17 ANNOUNCED ON TELEVISION THAT THE STATUTE OF AUTONOMY HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE GOP. THE GENERAL, SURROUNDED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA, THEN READ PART OF THE STATUTE'S PREAMBLE WHICH EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF MONETARY AND FINANCIAL AUTONOMY. THE GENERAL ALSO READ THE OPINION OF THE JUNTA THAT THE STATUTE SHOULD BE APPROVED IMMEDIATELY BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, NOT BY THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN WHICH THE AZORES HAS A VERY SMALL REPRESENTATION NOR BY A REFERENDUM WHICH WOULD TAKE TOO LONG AND WOULD NOT PERMIT MODIFICATION.

2. JUNTA MEMBER FOR FINANCE, ALVARO MONDARDENO, THEN TOLD THE TELEVISION AUDIENCE THAT THE JUNTA WAS SEEKING FROM THE GOP A LITTLE OVER 3 MILLION DOLLARS FOR PROGRAMS FOR 1976 IN ADDITION TO ITS OPERATING EXPENSES. HE EXPLAINED THAT IN THE GOP'S BUDGET

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THE AMOUNT ALLOTTED THE AZORES FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON A PER

CAPITA BASIS, WAS ONE THAT PLANNED FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY.
(NOTE : IF THE GOP GIVES THE JUNTA THE FUNDS IT REQUESTS, THE
AZORES WILL RECEIVE ABOUT 30 PERCENT MORE PER CAPITA THAN THE REST
OF PORTUGAL) MONJARDINO ENDED HIS PRESENTATION WITH A PLEA THAT
AZOREANS NOT BE DECIEVED BY ILLUSIONS, A REFERENCE TO THOSE
WHO ADVOCATE IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE.

3. THE PPD POLITICAL COMMITTEES FOR ALL THREE DISTRICTS IN THE
AZORES ISSUED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE STRESSING THAT THE CURRENT POLITICAL
SITUATION IN THE AZORES REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE INSTALLATION OF A
DEMOCRATIC AZOREAN GOVERNMENT. FOR THAT REASON SA CARNEIRO AND
OTHER NATIONAL PPD LEADERS WILL ACCOMPANY THE AZOREAN DEPUTIES
TO MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER TO SEEK RAPID
APPROVAL OF THE STATUTE OF AUTONOMY BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.

4. A JUNTA SOURCE SAID PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES NOW PLANS TO VISIT
THE AZORES FOR SEVERAL DAYS IN MID-MARCH COINCIDING WITH A BRIEF STOP
OVER OF YUGOSLAVIA'S PRESIDENT TITO. SOURCE SAID COSTA GOMES
WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED HERE ONLY IF HE BROUGHT APPROVAL OF THE STATUTE

OF AUTONOMY WITH HIM.

5. COMMENT: THE APPEARENCE ON TELEVISION OF THE ENTIRE JUNTA
(EXCEPT JOSE PACHECO DE ALMEIDA WHO CARRIED THE STATUTE TO LISBON)
WAS A DISPLAY OF THE UNITY OF THE JUNTA, INCLUDING GENERAL MAGALHAES
AND THE SOCIALIST MEMBERS, IN SUPPORT OF RAPID APPROVAL OF THE
STATUTE. THE STATUTE REPRESENTS THE WISHES OF THE MODERATE
AZOREANS AND IT IS NOW CLEARLY UP TO THE GOP TO DECIDE IF IT
WILL LISTEN TO THEM.
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